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Title: Tribes of Eodon: Barako

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During our exploration of the Northeastern reaches of the Valley we encountered a dense forest with a tall, expansive canopy. Bananas grow in mass within the forest, a welcome surprise to our escorts who somehow manage to continue to eat whatever nightly concoction our cooks manage to prepare. I was unaware bananas could be prepared with such variety, and I must admit while the sound of a warm banana salad left little to be desired on my starving palate I was pleasantly surprised how delicious the dish was. As one might suspect, bananas in the Valley of Eodon are similar to what one might encounter in Britannia, albeit they are somewhat longer and more slender. It seemed to matter little to the indigenous gorilla population who when approached can be quite aggressive and possess great strength and accuracy, particularly when targeting someone with a recently picked banana. In huts nestled high in the trees are the Barako tribe.

The Barako, much like the other tribes of Eodon, worship the gorilla and are in awe of their strength. The Barako are battle tested and their

dress reflects their  
readiness for a fight.  
Most interestingly enough,  
however, was what the  
Chief of the Barako  
described to me as the  
Great Ape. As the legend  
goes a great ape lives in  
a cave, surround by a  
hoard of bananas the  
ape's lesser gorilla  
accomplices gather, not  
far from the Barako. The  
Chief also went on to  
describe the few  
encounters their people  
had with the Great Ape,  
particularly mentioned the  
strength and throwing  
accuracy of the Ape  
itself. Some scouts in  
our party ventured into  
the cave only to report  
what appeared to be man  
made trusses with barrels  
resting on top. While the  
barrels appeared massive  
and likely requiring the  
effort of several men to  
move, they would be little  
challenge for a creature  
of the size and stature  
of the Great Ape.

Our scouts did not stay  
long, however, as the  
number of gorillas within  
the cave quickly swelled  
with their presence  
before the scouts  
retreated out of a fear  
for their safety.